Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting October 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on October 24, 2013, in the Dodge County Highway Commission's Neosho shop located at 271 W. Lehman Street in Neosho, Wisconsin.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and Jeffrey Schmitt. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Administrator Jim Mielke were also present. Jeff Hoffman of the UW Extension office and Mike Exferd of Mead and Hunt were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2013: Minutes of October 3, 2013, were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Mike Exferd of Mead and Hunt mentioned their interest in any future engineering work.

The status of two unfilled Utility II truck driver positions was discussed.

Field reported on a field access permit and installation for his neighbor on CTH O in the Town of Lebanon.

The Committee is seeking examples of highway opening policies with fees directly related to the condition of the pavement. Department staff will create a draft for future review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

APPROVE PER DIEM AND MILEAGE: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve a per diem and mileage for Johnson for a meeting with Michels Materials at their quarry in Portland and then a field review of CTH G from STH 19 – Reeseville on October 10th. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES: Pulverizing on CTH BI (CTH I – STH 26) is in progress. STH 26 (CTH Q – STH 60) alignment is being transitioned for the winter season.

CONSIDER COUNTY AID BRIDGE PETITION: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve the county aid bridge resolution as presented and forward it to Finance Committee for their review before it goes to the County Board on October 22nd. Motion carried.

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REVIEW PROPOSED 2014 DEPARTMENT BUDGET: The current draft of the 2014 budget request was reviewed and discussed.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT: Jeff Hoffman of UW Extension requested permission to allow several horticultural groups to use a 2.53 acre parcel of airport property identified as Parcel #5. These groups would use the site for experimental/educational programs through the UW Extension. It was the consensus of the Committee to allow this proposed use.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS FOR THE BRIDGE ON CTH J AT PRATT CREEK: Motion by Schmitt and seconded by Grebel to authorize the installation of new beam guard and end treatments on the CTH J Pratt Creek bridge. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT THE FALL SOUTHWEST REGION DOT CONFERENCE: Supervisors Johnson, Caine, Schmitt, and Berres will attend the Fall Southwest Region DOT conference in Wisconsin Dells on November 8th as well as the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner.

VOUCHER PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: FBO contract negotiations and Drainage District #1 concerns.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on November 7, 2013, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee toured the Neosho shop and grounds.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

Randy Grebel - Secretary

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